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PETERSBURG HAS NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT OF 1895.

Statistics-Marriages Beeds-A Singular Accident-House Partially Thrown Over-No New-1 car Celebration-General Notes.

PETERSBURG, VA., January 1.-(Spe cial.)-While there has been a general ery of dull times during the year just east, it is believed by conservative people that merchants and farmers have fairly well; that all are in good lition, and that there is really no se for complaint. In this respect ersburg is probably as well off as any or community in the State. It has done fair share of business; there have been business failures of consequence; its condition. anks are all in prosperous and there have been but slight losses by ire during the year. The people amptly paid their taxes, and the city, always, has punctually met its obliations, and its bonds are far above par, The farmers have plenty to eat and o wear, owe fewer debts, and, while hey may not have realized very profitably on their crops in the aggregate, yet they are well-to-do.

A YEAR'S CRIMINAL RECORD.

During the past year the police of this made 1,539 arrests, the offences being lassified as follows: Assault and batty, 267, simple assault, 2; felony, 68; largery, 134, lunger, 19, misters, 267, 254, lunger, 267, lunger, 267 (y, 26), Simple Research, 29, felony, 28, Infersy, 124; lunacy, 19; misdemeanor, 250; acce-warrants, 16; on suspicion, 52; violatins of city ordinances, 725. The arrests tring the month of December were 195. MARRIAGES AND DEEDS.

During the past year 166 marriage incenses were issued from the Clerk's effice in this city, being 47 less than the number issued in 1894. The number of ceds recorded was 509.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

During the storm the other night a limb from a large adjacent sycamore free was blown upon the old scaffold in the jail-yard, upon which a few years ago the negro Walter Brown was hanged for criminal assault. A portion of this structure had been left standing, and this structure had been left standing, and

was demolished by the falling limb.
During the recent storm the dwelling-house of John Williams, in Prince George house of John williams, in Frince Seeinge county, was partially thrown over. The entire family were inside the building at the time, and as the house was strown forward they were unable to escape, except through the back windows. was hurt, but all were very much

PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS. A leap-year party, given by the young A leap-year party, given by the young people of Prince George county, was held to night at the residence of Colonel William T. Timple, A number of invitations were sent out, and the occasion was a very delightful one.

Rumors are in circulation that Petersburg may lose two of its most eminent distance.

ivines in the early future, as it is un-terstood that they have calls to other helds under consideration.

The Matoaca Cotton Manufacturing Company, in Chesterfield county, has de-clared a dividend of 2 per cent, out of its turing the past six months.

The directors of the Petersburg Savings of Insurance Company, have declared dividend of 41-2 per cent, out of the treatment of the treatment of the last six months. The only dissolution of firms in the ty announced on the beginning of the

new year is that of Messrs. Jackson & Pegram, wholesale dealers in paints and olfs. Mr. George W. Pegram retires to engage in other business. It is reported that a new wholesale drugstore will soon be established here.

amounting to only signated. The exports of tobacco during the year, however, aggregated nearly 7,000,000 pounds, a large excess over the exports of Richardend, and showing Fetersburg to be the argest export tobacco port in the United

There was little in the appearances of There was fittle in the applications the day here to show that it was New Year's Day, beyond the closing of the lanks, the Federal buildings, and the railroad depots. There were no society calls, as in former years, no open houses, and no festivitles of consequence.

#### SOUTHWEST CATTLE INTEREST. Movement to Secure Protection

Against Texas-Fever. EAST RADFORD, VA., January 1.— (Special.)—At a meeting of the cattle-men of Pulaski, Wythe, and Montgomery counties, held at Palaski a short time ago, the following committee was named to prepare a bill to secure protec-tion against the "Texas-fever": Daniel M. Boyd and Gary Laughon, of Pulaski James H. McGavock and Wythe Graham, of Wythe county; Henry C. Stewart and J. G. Burke, of Russell county; Ro. M. Lawson and Joseph Gillespie, of Tazewell county; William Craft and Reuben Preston, of Washington county; D. D. Hall and Richard George, of Smythe county; Thomas Findiar and W. W. Dunn, of Bland county; C. R. Hall, of Grayson county; and Dr. E. P. Niles and J. T. Cowan, of Montgomery county. Stewart and J. G. Burke, of Rus-

#### TO VISIT RICHMOND.

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The chairman, Major John T. Cowan, called this committee to meet in Eadford yesterday for the purpose of drafting a suitable bill and appointing a smaller committee to go before the proper committees in the Legislature and urge its adoption. Among those present not named above were: W. B. Cobbs, of Washington county; David C. Cloyd, of Pulaski county; William Adair, of Glies county; Oscar Laughon, of Pulaski county; Major J. Hoge Tyler, of Pulaski county, and T. B. Einstein, of Radford.

The bill as drafted sets forth the dan-

The bill as drafted sets forth the dangers to this section of the "Texasfever," should it be permitted to enter
bere, and provides for effective and
stringent measures to stop the spread
of the disease.

The cattle of Southwest Virginia are
of the finest blood, the grazing is of the
best; this section is admirably adapted
to the raising of fine stock; the grade of
cattle shipped is first-class; the market
is demanding more every year; and the
shipments to northern and European
markets are rapidly increasing. The
swners, breeders, and shippers, fearing
that this growing and valuable industry
will be badly crippled, if not destroyed
nutriely, are determined to do all in their
power to protect their interests.

The government has not yet included
Southwest Virginia and the Valley in
the infected district, and it is to be hoped
such measures will be adopted as to save

such measures will be adopted as to save this most important factor in the wealth of the State.

Messes, John T. Cowan, of Montgomery; W. B. Cobbs, of Washington county; David M. Cloyd, and Gary Laughon, of Pulaski, were named aughon, of Pulaski, were named as a committee to go before the Legislature with the bill.

#### PERSONAL

ludge Archer R. Heflin, formerly Judge Bland and Glies counties, but recently citizen of Radford, has moved with family to Hinton, W. Va., where he ill practice law.

Rev. W. J. Cocke will commence a series of services at the Christian church January 5th. Mr. Cocke was the pastor of this church several years ago, and was by his earnest work that the handsome building was completed.

E. T. Gibson, an engineer on the Norfolk and Western railroad, was seriously hurt a few days ago by being thrown from his engine. He was brought home

Saturday, and is now slowly recover-

DEATHS IN BEDFORD CITY. Mr. Clathorne Ballard and Mrs. Isabella Wharton.

BEDFORD CITY, January 1.-(Special) Mr. Claiborne J. Ballard, after an illness of some three days, died last evening, aged about 70 years. He leaves five children-James W., a prominent merchant the town, John, William, and Misses Mary Lizzie and Lella Bailard. Yesterday evening, after an i

Mary Lizzie and Lella Ballard.
Yesterday evening, after an fliness of several weeks from pneumonia, Mrs. Isabella Wharton passed away. Mrs. Wharton was a native of Massachusetts, but had spent her married life here, where, by her superior gifts of mind and noble character, she had been a conspicuous figure in church and social life. She was the widow of Rev. John A. Wharton, who for a long period was the rector of the Episcopal church here. Mrs. Wharton is survived by six children—viz., Dr. Lyman E. Wharton, of William and Mary man B. Wharton, of William and Mary College; Mr. John E., of Roanoke, and Mr. Charles W. Wharton, of this place; Misses Mary Jane and Alice Wharton, and Mrs. John Meade, of Washington, Mrs. Wharton had aftained the advanced

#### Knights Templar Banquet.

CREWE, VA., January I.—(Spechil.)—Olivet Commandery, No. 8. Knights Templar, had a public installation of officers in the Masonic Temple to-night, which was followed by a banquet, at which each Sir Knight was accompanied by a lady. The ceremony of installation was performed by Past-Eminent-Commander Hiram Burkholder in an impressive manner, and the banquet was much enjoyed, being both plentiful and weil appointed.

A largely-attended dance was given at the Hotel Hancock last night.

Mr. Preston Boisseau, of Washington, D. C., returned home to-day.

#### TALK OF BOODLE.

New Franchise to Detroit Street Railway Company.

DETROIT, MICH., January 1.-There is much talk of boodle in connection with new ordinance which was passed by the Common Council, giving the Detroit Street Railway Company a new franhise running for thirty years. One of he stories was to the effect that there

he stories was to the effect that there \$ \$70,000 in the pool.

Alderman Frank Licht, of the Sixth Alderman Frank Licht, of the Sixth Ward, says that Tom. L. Johnson, president of the street rallway company, offered to lean \$6,00 yesterday, without a scrap of paper as security, to be repaid whenever Licht found it convenient, if he would vote for the amended street rallway ordinance. Mr. Licht said there was no doubt as to Mr. Johnson's intentione. The charges of boodle will undoubtedly lead to an immediate investigation by the grand jury of the methods which obtained in the passage of the ordinance, and some sensational developments are expected.

Hon. Tom. L. Johnson was called up in

Tom. L. Johnson was called up in Cleveland this morning tegarding Alder man Licht's statement. He denied th boodle part, but acknowledged having had a talk over the matter of street rallway franchises, in which Licht's vote

#### BUCKINGHAM GOLD-FIELDS. Company Formed to Develop Them-General Logan Concerned.

BALTIMORE, MD., January 1 .- A special dispatch to the Manufacturers' Record says that N. K. Fairbank, the millionaire lard-refiner, of Chic. Messrs. E. K. Willard, and L. lard-refiner, of Chicago; Messrs. E. K. Willard, and L. D. Hooper, bankers, of New York; General T. M. Logan, of Efchmond, Va. and others, have organized at Richmond the Pledmont Gold-Belt Chartered Company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, for the purpose of developing on a very extensive scale large gold-mining properties, covering several thousand acres, in Inckingham county. Ve.

Buckingham county, Va.

These northern and western and southern capitalists, it is reported, have made a thorough investigation of the gold-bearing ores of that territory, and have found such remarkably favorable conditions that it is claimed they have secured control of the entire district, and

that their operations will be very large.

Investigations of experts and analyses of the crea, it is claimed, show that the average of these ores gives a very much better percentage of gold than those of either the South African or the Cripple

COLLISION AT ST. LOUIS. One Man Killed-Two Men Seriously Injured.

ST LOUIS, MO., January 1.-A rearend collision occured between Wabash passenger train No. 2 and the Diacond ecial on the Vandalia Illinois Central road in the tunnel at 9:05 last night. Fireman Henry Bothweller, aged 77, of the Terminal Association, was scalded to death, and Engineer Milton White, aged

27, and J. G. Chambers, express mes-senger, were injured.

The wreck was caused by the Wabash train's slowing up at a curve in the tun-nel. The Illinois Central train was close

behind, going at a rapid rate, and just as it entered the curve dashed into the rear of the Wabash train.

White was badly bruised about the arms and head, and Chambers was

arms and head, and Chambers was brulsed and asphyxiated.

The rear sleeper of the Wabash train was badly damaged, but did not leave the track, and the train proceeded. The other train was not so fortunate. The locomotive and baggage-car were derailed, and had to walt for outside assistance before it could be moved.

#### FOR MONROE DOCTRINE.

#### Resolutions Offered in the Senate of Massachusetts.

BOSTON, MASS., January 1.-In the Schate to-day Mr. Southard (Republican). offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Rules:
"Whereas, the course of public events
has brought the question of the belief of
the people in the Monroe doctrine in question, and

"Whereas, the people of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts have ever been loyal and steadfast to this principle: "Resolved, That we believe the Monroe decrine, which declares against the acquisition of new territory in America by any means whatsoever, or the establishment of new governments, or the interference with those now existing by any European Power, to be vital to the business, eafery, and because the control of the

any European Power, to be vital to the business, safety, and honor of the United States.

"Resolved, That we believe that this doctrine should be firmly sustained by the United States wherever it justly applies."

#### Enropean Intervention.

PARIS. January 1.—The Estafette, in an article treating of the Venezuelan dispute between Great Britain and the United States, suggests that France, Germany, and Russia might intervene to set-

Candidate for the Senate. LOUISVILLE, KY. January 1.—Congressman Albert S. Berry, of the Sixth District, is announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.



#### BEGINTHE NEW YEAR

BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL.

General Observance as a Holiday-Few Business Changes-Open House at the Y. M. C. A .- Other Notes of the Day.

New-Year's-Day, 1896, dawned as clear and bright as could be wished, and throughout the day the sun shone down out of an arched and cloudless sky. The weather was perfect for midwinter, and everybody seen on the streets looked cheerful and happy.

The day was observed here as a genera holiday, but in a very quiet way. The public offices were closed, Sunday hours were observed at the post-office, and apparently very little business was done. Most of the stores and offices were open, but the time was chiefly devoted straightening up the affairs of the old year and shaping up matters for the work of the new. The feeling in business circles seemed to be hopeful, and the con-sensus of opinion is that this year will be decidedly better than the last one was.

FEW BUSINESS CHANGES. There appear to have been fewer busi ness changes with the opening of the new year than is usual. The following are the only ones thus far indicated:

the only ones thus far indicated:

The firm of R. L. Christian & Co., composed of Messrs, James A. Moncure and Gordon Wallace, was dissolved, Mr. Moncure retiring therefrom.

Mr. Jacob Ebel, the well-known tailor, retires from business, and while the firmname will not be changed, his three sons, Messrs. F. C., H. Z., and W. J. Ebel, will conduct the business hereafter.

Messrs, John F. Jacob (not B. A. Jacob, as has been inadvertently stated) and B. Lorraine have succeeded to the commission business of the old firm of Sublett & Cary.

ers. S. D. Craig, Josiah Vaughan, and D. J. Pierce were admitted to the drug firm of Purcell, Ladd & Co. There may be some other minor changes

NEW YEAR AT THE Y. M. C. A. The Young Men's Christian Association was througed during the afternoon and was thronged during the afternoon and evening with members and friends, and quite an enjoyable time was spent by all. Refreshments were served by the la-dies from 5 to 7:30 P. M. Three sepa-rate programmes had been arranged, and were rendered in the most successful

manner.

In the afternoon Masters Victor Menzel and Lee Bishop rendered an instrumental duet, which was much enjoyed; while Master Menzel gave a violin solo in the most artistic manner. The junior gymnasium class went through their word drill which elicited hearty wand drill, which elicited hearty

In the evening in the hall Mr. George In the evening in the hall Mr. George A. Carter, the humorist and impersonater, kept a large audience laughting with his quaint sayings, while vocal selections were rendered in an excellent manner by Miss Helen Stockdell, Mr. W. A. Harkell gave a most creditable exhibition of Indian-club-awinging, which was heartly applauded.

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The programme was concluded by a plano solo by Mrs. C. S. Redd. The audience was then invited to the piano solo by Mrs. C. S. Redd.
The audience was then invited to the gallery of the symnasium, where Professor Schatzel had arranged an unique entertainment. The first event was an "Indian-club race," participated in by five beys. This race is exactly similar to the "potato race," except that, instead of the "vegetables," Indian clubs are used. Lee Bishop came out first, James Bolton second, and Cuthbert Cogbill third. The next event was one that set the audience roaring with laughter. It was an obstacle race, and the boys had to overcome all sorts of impediments before they reached their goal. Lee Bishop also won this race, while Ernest Page, the smallest boy in the race, came out second, and Logan Walford followed him, a close third. A game of basketball was then played, after which Mr. Paul Weinert gave a finished exhibition on the parallel bars. His work on this apparatus is about the best ever seen here.

Masses were celebrated in all of the

Masses were celebrated in all of the Masses were celebrated in all of the Catholic churches of the city. At the Cathedral there were low masses at 6 and 8 o'clock A. M., and high masses at 10:30. The full choir rendered a special musical programme at the last mass. There were services at the Church of the Holy Trinity, at which Bishop Newton made

an address.
All of the hotels served especially fine dinners for their guests, and a number of small entertainments and family gatherings occurred in the evening. A good many parties dined at the Jeffer-

Mr. William Rueger celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of the estab-lishment of his restaurant, at the corsemi-centennial anniversary of the estab-lishment of his restaurant, at the cor-ner of Ninth and Bank streets. The res-taurant was thrown open to the public, and all who came—and their name was leglon—were made welcome in hearty German style. A delicious lunch, in-cluding almost all the delicacies of the season, was served, and no one was per-mitted to pay for drinks at the bar. The

season, was served, and no one was permitted to pay for drinks at the bar. The present proprietor and his father, who established the business, received their friends most cordially.

Mr. E. A. Stumpf celebrated his thirtenth anniversary by throwing his establishment, at the corner of Eighth and Main streets, open to his friends. The large pool-room was converted into a dining-room, and all comers were made welcome and given an abundance to eat and drink.

The New Year was ushered in at the Press Club in a most joyous fashion. A number of the club-members assembled in the rooms, at the corner of Eleventh and Main streets, and an impromptu musical programme, to which all present contributed, was rendered.

The Capital City Club held its annual banquet last night in its rooms, over Banister's.

#### THE COURT-HOUSE MATTER.

Major Donley's Objection to the Erection of a New Building. The people of Henrico are very much

interested in the question of the erec-tion of a new court-house. It has been reported that Major James H. Dooley and Dr. R. A. Patterson would take legal steps to prevent an appropriation being made, but it is now understood that they will do no such thing, though both are out-and-out opposed to the build-ing scheme, and will try in every way possible to haus the supervisors rescind

their action.

It was ascertained by inquiry at Major Dooley's office yesterday that his chief objection to the erection of a new court-house is the cost that such a building would entail upon the county, the burden of which would have to be borne by the tax-nayers; and that his second obthe tax-payers; and that his second ob-jection is the location. The court-house, being a county institution, he thinks it should be erected in the county, and not in the city, as proposed.

Members of the Board of Supervisors

Members of the Board of Supervisors are still very reticent concerning the action taken by them, and but little inforr of a positive nature can be ascertained. With remarks dropped here and there, however, as a basis for inquiry, the fact that the board decided to build a new court-house is practically established.

Deep-Run Hunt Club Meet.

The first semi-weekly meet of the Deep Run Hunt Club in 1898 took place yesterday afternoon. The start was made near Dumbarton, and from there the chase went northward to Laurel Station; then a turn to the southwest was taken towards the Kennel road, and after crossing the Broad-Street road another turn was taken towards the east, until the club-house was reached. The entire ride was somewhat stiff, but it was enjoyed immensely by all who participated. Among those who took part in Deep-Run Hunt Club Meet.

e bunt and wound up at the finish ere Major Otway S. Allen, president the club; Dr. Joseph A. White, Dr. L. White, S. H. Handcock (M. F. H.). of the club; Dr. Joseph A. White, Dr. L.
H. White, S. H. Handcock (M. F. H.).
Dr. R. L. Tritton, James E. Turpin,
E. H. Savage, Harry Beattie, Julian
Mbrris, J. T. Anderson, W. M. Leathiey,
Graham B. Hobson, J. R. J. Anderson,
T. N. Carter, A. E. Donnan, B. H.
Grundry, S. Hobson; the Misses Phyllis
and Nannie Langhorne, G. K. Lee, S.
T. Myers, E. D. Christian, Jr., and
others.

#### LOST A ROLL OF NOTES.

A New Yorker, Stopping Off Here Awhile, Drops His Money.

A gentleman on his way South from New York reached Richmond yesterday afternoon on the 7:10 train and got off a short walk before he continued a short walk before he continued his journey on the train that leaves at \$:40. He had only gotten as far as Ninth and Main streets, however, when he found that he had lost a roll of bills amounting to \$25, which was all the money he had. He thinks he must have dropped the bills somewhere near the depot. He notified Policeman Shields, who was on duty in that neighborhood at the time, of his loss, and the officer reported it to the Second Station. The gentleman, who was on his way to Charleston, continued his journey. He expects to be in the city again Sunday.

#### NEW-YEAR'S DAY WEDDING.

Miss Norma Ellis Joseph Married to Mr. Lewis Walke Porter.

Quite a pretty wedding was solemnized last night at 9 o'clock at Leigh-Street Baptist church, when Miss Norma Ellis Joseph became the bride of Mr. Walks Porter. Rev. Dr. W. L. Wright Walke Porter. Rev. Dr. W. L. Wright performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. Mr. N. R. Berger acted as best man, while Messrs, James Bailey, W. W. Eames, T. L. Angus, W. S. Beasley, and W. T. Palmer were the ushers. The bride wore a gown of garnet boucle, and carried bride's roses.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Otelia C. Joseph, and is a most attractive young lady. The groom is a travelling salesman for M. Hessberg, and has a wide circle of friends here.

The couple left on the midnight train for a southern tour.

Three for Commonwealth's Attorney Three for Commonwealth's Attorney
From present indications, the contest
for the nomination for Commonwealth's
Attorney in the spring will be a triangular
ene, as it was in 1884, and an exciting
one. Mr. S. S. P. Patteson, who has
had the matter under consideration for
some time, decided yesterday to become a
candidate for the office, and he will be
in the fight from now on in dead earnest.
It is understood that Mr. D. C. Richardson, who made such a good run two years
ago, will enter again, and the incumbent.
Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., will, it is supposed,
offer for re-election. Each of these gentlemen has a strong following, and if
all remain in the race, it will be a
lively one.

#### Fire in Manchester Last Night.

Last night there was a slight fire at Mrs. Stuard's residence, on Hull street between Fifth and Sixth, in Manchester, caused by a lamp overturning and setting fire to the window-curtains. The Fire Department was called out, but the flames were extinguished before the firemen arrived upon the scene. The damage was trifling.

#### The Committee on Design

The Board of Directors of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon, but transacted no business of public interest. The selection of the committee to whom the matter of choosing a design for the memorial shall be referred was not completed.

Large Audiences See Town Topics "Town Topics," the new farce comedy, was presented at mathies and evening performances at the Academy yesterday, and was received with marks of popular approval by crowded houses.

The piece is bright, and often clever, and was interpreted yesterday by an uniformly capable company.

Hart By a Fall. Walter Brown (colored) fell on the corner of Sixth and Baker streets yesterday, and was painfully hurt. A friend took him in charge and carried him to his home in the rear of 104 west Franklin street.

Paying Out Dividends. The railroad companies, banks, building and loan associations, and other financia institutions will begin paying their dividends to-day. It is estimated that this will put \$450,000 or \$500,000 into circulation

Mr. Fred Moynihan, Jr., of Baltimore, was in the city yesterday. Rev. F. S. Stickney will preach at St. Luke's chapel to-night at 8 o'clock. Mr. C. C. Taliaferro, of Roanoke, for-merly of this city, is here on a visit,

The condition of Mr. Frank D. Hill remains about as it has been for several days.

Miss Mary Coles Whittle is stopping at Mrs. James M. Ball's, No. 22 north Laurel street. Mr. W. Gary Bragg, of this city, has gone to Cleveland, O., to open a branch commission-house.

Mr. Robert H. Brooks has returned hor after a delightful trip to Baltimore spend the Christmas. Richmond Lodge of Elks held an inte-resting meeting last night. This lodge elects officers in March.

Mrs. William A. Jack, of Washington, is here on a visit to Mrs. R. C. Edwards, No. 404 east Main street.

Mr. J. J. White conducted the services at the Broad-Street Mission last night, and leaves to-day for New York. Major A. H. Drewery, of "Westover," who has been so ill, is now able to sit up, and hopes to be out in a few days. Dr. James M. Fenton, of Norfolk, who-formerly resided here, has returned home-after spending several days with Rich-mond friends.

In the correspondence chess match be-tween the clubs of this city and Wash-ington Richmond has won two out of the four to be played.

The annual meeting of the Press Club will be held to-night. Officers will be elected, and it is desired that there shall be a full attendance. At the Cathedral next Friday the blessed sacrament will be exposed all day, under the charge of the Committee of the Holy Hour, of the league.

Dr. W. P. Palmer is still in a critical condition at the Virginia Hospital, un-censcious most of the time, and but little hope of his recovery is entertained. Arrangements have been made whereby the Western Union Telegraph Company will establish an office in the Capitol for the benefit of members of the Legisla-

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Harwood re-turned yesterday morning from a visit to Baltimore, and left in the afternoon to spend a few days with friends in Caro-line county.

Ine county.

Mr. George B. Jones, formerly of Richmond, but now connected with the transportation department of the Chesapeake and Ohlo railway, is spending his Christmas holidays in this city.

Mr. William W. Webb, for many years Deputy Collector of United States Revenue for the port of Norfolk, Va., and now connected with the United States customs service, in Petersburg, was in the city yesterday.

city yesterday.

There will be a social gathering at Central Methodist Episcopal church, Manchester, to-morrow night, to which the public is invited. The Epworth League has it in charge, and an interesting programme will be rendered.

At the last stated meeting of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Pennsylvania, held at Philadelphia, Deember 5, 1825, Mr. R. A. Brock, of this city, was elected an honorary vice-president of the society for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. Freeman, organist at Zabrisdent of the society for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. J. Freeman, organist at Zabriskie-Memorial church. Newport, R. I., who formerly presided at the organ of All-Saints church, this city, was remembered on Christmas-Day by two handsome gifts, one from the boys and the other from the gentlemen of his choir.

Dr. Robert F. Oppenhimer, of Knoxville, Tenn., is in the city for a few days, visiting his brothers. Dr. W. T. Oppenhimer, president of the Board of Health, and Dr. St. Julian Oppenhimer, who has recently returned from New York. Dr. Robert F. Oppenhimer is accompanied by his wife.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, January L.—(Special.)—H.
S. Whitiock, Mariborough; S. J. Dudley,
Continental; H. H. Laughlin, Coleman.

SPECULATION AS TO THE GAS INVESTIGATION REPORT.

Be Examined-Want the Budget Made Up Early-The Chesapenke and Ohio's Depot Scheme.

The Council's special committee

nvestigation of the affairs of the gasworks will not meet again until Coairman Gunst calls it together. This cil probably be early in next week. The work of formulating the report to the Council has been gotten fairly into. far, however, only the groundwork has been done. It is generally understood that the committee will take up the evidence just as it was presented befor that body, and will make proper comment and recommendations bearing thereon. Just what the character of the paper will be cannot yet be told, but it will most assuredly be an exhaustive document, and will deal very plainly with the conditions at the gas-works when Superintendent Knowles took charge, and will fix the responsibility where it be-

The City Attorney, Mr. C. V. Meredith, who has been conducting the inquiry the committee, has been aggressive fearless in probing into matters which did not appear entirely right to him, and in this he has had the co-operation and assistance of the members of the committee, among whom are several of the best and most conscientious members of the Council. STILL MORE TESTIMONY.

A fact which leaked out in con-nection with the inquiry yesterday was that there is still more testimony to be asked for. It is said that one or more

that there is still more testimony to be asked for. It is said that one or more other witnesses are yet to be called to the stand; but the nature of the evidence desired could not be ascertained. It will require at least two more sessions of the committee to finish its labors. The report is being looked forward to with much eagerness.

There has been some talk in Council circles of having the annual budget, in which is made the appropriations to the several departments for the year, made up and presented for adoption earlier than heretofore. This is deemed advisable for the reason that when the budget is not handed in before March or April, if there should be any hitch as to the street-fund there is nearly always a delay in getting at this coney and getting down to work upon the thoroughfares before the bad weather sets in in November or December.

THE NEW DEPOT.

The Committee on Streets will meet at the City Hall at 3 o'clock this afternoon to go over the proposed route of the viaduct system of connections of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway here, so as to take up and consider later in the evening the matter of the depot and other privileges recently asked of the Council by that company. The Chesapeake and Ohio desires to build a handsome depot on Main street near the some depot on Main street near the Old Market, and connect its lines there. These improvements are to cost about

The first regular meeting of the mon Council for the year 1896 will be held next Monday evening.

A Bill to Legalize Horse-Racing A Bill to Legalize Horse-Racing.

A bill, which purports to prevent winter racing in this State, but which in fact seeks to legalize horse-racing in Virginia for pine months of the year, has been placed in the hands of a member of the Legislature for presentation when the General Assembly reconvenes. The principal provision of the bill, and one which will no doubt meet with vigorous opposition, is to permit each track in the State to have racing and sell pools thereon for a period of fitteen days. By this means a State circuit would be formed, and the evil would, instead of remaining localized as it now is, be diffused throughout the State.

#### Christmas at Park Place.

The little folks of Park-Piace church Sunday school had quite a pleasant time yesterday afternoon, when the Christmas given. There was a realistic snow scene, and old Santa Claus himself appeared before his delighted audience. Each child was presented with a nice box of candy. The entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Gill, and was a success in every way.

Mr. Vanderbilt in Richmond. A party of New York capitalists, among them Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who have been down on the Eastern Shore on a duck-hunt, passed through the city last evening at 7 o'clock in private cars en route over the Atlantic-Coast Line to their home. They were only in Richmond a few minutes.

Colonel John C. Winder in the City. Colonel John C. Winder, president of the Seaboard Air-Line, arrived in the city in his private car last night. He is accompanied by his father and one or two other ladies and gentlemen, who are quartered for a day at the Jefferson. Will the Standard Be Enjoined?

The Richmond Standard Telephone
Company hopes to commence the work of
putting up its poles on the streets of
the city to-day or to-morrow. The poles
will probably reach here this morning.
If so, the actual building of the lines
will begin at once, unless there should be
some foundation in the rumor that the
southern Beil Company files an application for an injunction against the Stand-

# ard in this respect, and the same is granted. The officers of the Bell here decline to discuss this matter or to say anything in regard to their proposed ac-tion. The engineer of the Standard, Mr. Charles T. Childs, was engaged yesterday in locating the positions for the poles for

ROSEBORO' EXPRESS ROBBERY.

#### Two of the Suspected Men Jump Bond and Flee.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 1.-Mention was made yesterday of the confession of S. W. Grier, former express-agent a Roseboro', and of the arrest of himself and of Mayor Redmond Butler, and Dr. Fleet Cooper, charged with robbing the express company of \$950.

To-day it is ascertained that Braxton

To-day it is ascertained that Bratter Buttler, brother of Mayor Butler, is concerned in the affair, and was also arrested. Both Butlers gave bond, but failed to appear at the hearing, and it is believed that they have jumped their Grier charges that Mayor Butler

ned the robbery, and suggested it to Grier, who was to get \$300 of the amount, which was paid him, while the others divided the remainder. Wages of Schuylkill Miners.

# POTTSVILLE. PA., January 1.—The wages for miners in the Schuylkill anthracite region for the last half of December, 1895, and the first half of January, 1896, have been fixed at 4 per cent. below the \$2.50 basis. The wages last month were 8 per cent. below that basis.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., January 1.-The Southern Educational Association followed the programme closely in its deliberations to-day. The features of the day's work were the addresses of Superintendent N. C. Dougherty, president of the National Educational Association, and William Harris, of Washington.

Sheriff Bound and Robbed.

ST. LOUIS, MO., January 1.—A special from Meridian, Miss., says that Sheriff Duval, of Jones county, was found bound and gagged in his office, and the safe robbed of \$3,000. He says a number of masked men did the job. A large posse, with blood-hounds, are in pursuit.

#### The Weather.

FAIR WASHINGTON, January 1.—Fore-cast for Thursday for Virginia: Fair weather: warmer; southwesterly winds. North Carolina and South Carolina : Fair

and warmer weather; southerly winds. There has been a sudden and sharp rise in pressure in the Northwest. The pressure is also higher along the Atlantic coast, but has fallen in the Mississippi Valley and Southwest. Higher temperature prevails in the Lake regions, the central valleys, the Southwest, and the Southern Rocky Mountain regions.

A cold wave has developed in the Northwest, and will advance eastward, to the Mississippi to-morrow, and southward, to Kansas and Missouri, Light snows are reported at a few

scattered points in the Northwest, and in most cases are accompanied by winds. Fair weather is indicated throughout the East and South, and partly cloudy weather in the Northwest, with scattered

snowfalls. The temperature will rise in the Atlantic coast districts, and the lower Lake regions. It will continue to rise in the States bordering the Gulf during most of the day, followed by a sudden fall in Western New York.

#### THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY

was clear and fair. State of thermometer: 6 A. M. 32 9 A. M. 40 12 M. 48 5 P. M. 46 6 P. M. 39 

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POLT OF NEWPORT NEWS, JAN. 1st.

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